GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Enquiries & Investigation – Complaints of adulteration of ghee used for preparation of SrivariLaddu Prasadam in TTD - Constitution of Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate the case registered vide FIR No. 470/2024 of Tirupati East PS, Tirupati Dist- Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1660 Dated: 26-09-2024

Read:

From the Director General Of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Letter No. 2062 /L&O-III/2024, Dated: 25.09.2024

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ORDER:

In the reference read above, the DGP has informed that upon a complaint given by General Manager (Procurement), Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanams regarding adulteration of ghee used for preparation of SrivariLaddu and other Prasadams, a case was registered vide FIR No. 470/2024 of Tirupati East PS, Tirupati District. He has further informed that this case warrants investigation by a specialized agency and there is a need to consult experts from various departments in the process of investigation.

2. While stating the above, the DGP, A.P. has requested to constitute a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to conduct a detailed and comprehensive investigation into the case and has accordingly proposed the composition of SIT.

3. Government have examined the issue and observed that Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) is a revered institution for devotees worldwide. The SrivariLaddu and other prasadams offered at the temple hold immense religious significance, symbolizing purity and devotion. Recent reports of adulteration in the ghee used for the preparation of SrivariLaddu and other prasadams have deeply hurt the sentiments of millions of devotees. In light of the gravity of the situation, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, in accordance with its commitment to protecting the sanctity of Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanams, have considered it necessary to constitute a Special Investigation Team (SIT) for detailed and comprehensive investigation of the entire issue.

4. Accordingly, the Government hereby constitutes a Special Investigation Team (SIT) with the following officers :-

Sl.No.	Details of Officers	Role
1	Sri Sarvashresth Tripathi, IPS, IGP Guntur Range	Head
2	Sri Gopinath Jatti, IPS, DIG, Visakhapatnam Range	Member

3	Sri V. Harshavardhan Raju, IPS, SP, YSR Kadapa District	Member
4	Sri Venkat Rao, Addl.SP, Admn. Tirupati District	Member
5	Sri G. Sitarama Rao, Dy SP	Member
6	Sri J. Sivanaryana Swamy, Dy. SP	Member
7	Sri T. Satyanarayana, Inspector SB Annamayya District.	Member
8	Sri K. Umamaheswar, Inspector, NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada.	Member
9	Sri M. Suryanarayana, CI, Kalluru, Chittoor District.	Member

5. The SIT may call for relevant information and assistance from any Department of the Government in the course of the investigation. All Government departments shall cooperate with the SIT in discharge of its duties and duly submit any information or technical assistance called for. Similarly, the SIT may seek any external expert assistance duly requesting the DGP.

6. The Spl.Chief Secretary /Prl.Secretary/ Secretary to Govt., Home Dept., Endowments Dept., and all other Departments of the Government and the Executive Officer, TTD shall provide necessary assistance to the SIT for proper discharge of its functions.

7. The Director General of Police, A.P. shall take immediate necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
The Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department.
The Director General of Police, A.P., Mangalagiri.
All the members of the Special Investigation Team.
The Executive Officer, TTD.
The Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Endowments) Dept.
Copy to:
All the Spl.C.S/Prl. Secy./Secretary to Govt., of
Secretariat Departments.
The Prl.Secy,/Secy./Addl.Secy., to HCM.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, A.P.
The P.S. to Minister (Endowments)/ Minister (Home).
The P.S. to Chief Secretary/Secretary (Political).
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SECTION OFFICER (SC)